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Macroeconomic policy questions

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled:

"Macroeconomic policy questions:

"(a) International trade and development;

"(b) Commodities;

"(c) Science and technology for development;

"(d) External debt crisis and development;

"(e) International financial system and development;

"(f) Preparations for the International Ministerial Meeting on Transit Transport Cooperation"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 8th, 11th, 30th and 31st meetings, on 3 and 16 October and on 11 and 12 November 2002. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/57/SR.8, 11, 30 and 31). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 8th meetings, from 30 September to 3 October (see A/C.2/57/SR.2-8). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in the addenda to the present report, as follows:

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in seven parts, under the symbol A/57/529 and Add.1-6.

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3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Letter dated 20 August 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué of the 33rd meeting of the Pacific Islands Forum, held at Suva from 15 to 17 August 2002 (A/57/331)

Letter dated 20 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the documents of the twenty-ninth session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Khartoum from 25 to 27 June 2002 (A/57/422-S/2002/1064)

Letter dated 23 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 at their 26th annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters on 19 September 2002 (A/57/444)

(a) International trade and development

Reports of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-eighth executive session (A/57/15 (Part I)), its nineteenth special session (ibid. (Part II)) and its forty-ninth session (ibid. (Part III))[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development (A/57/376)

(b) Commodities

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (A/57/381)

(c) Science and technology for development

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World

[1] To be issued as *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15* (A/57/15).

Summit on the Information Society (A/57/71-E/2002/52 and A/57/71/Add.1-E/2002/52/Add.1)

Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on United Nations system support for science and technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (A/56/370); and the comments of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon (A/56/370/Add.1)

Letter dated 12 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/57/2)

(d) External debt crisis and development

Report of the Secretary-General on the external debt crisis and development (A/57/253)

(e) International financial system and development

Report of the Secretary-General on the international financial system and development (A/57/151)

(f) Preparations for the International Ministerial Meeting on Transit Transport Cooperation

Report of the Secretary-General on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: preparatory process for the International Ministerial Meeting on Transit Transport Cooperation (A/57/340)

Letter dated 23 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué adopted at the third annual Ministerial Meeting of Landlocked Developing Countries, held in New York on 17 September 2002 (A/57/426)

4. At the 8th meeting, on 3 October, introductory statements were made by the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, under sub-item (f); the Director of the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, under sub-item (e); and the Chief, Executive Direction and Management, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, under sub-items (b) and (d) (see A/C.2/57/SR.8).

5. At the 11th meeting on 16 October, introductory statements were made by the Executive Coordinator of the Secretariat for the World Summit on the Information Society, the Director of the Division for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination and an Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit under sub-item (c) (see A/C.2/57/SR.11).

6. At the 30th meeting, on 11 November, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development made an introductory statement under sub-item (a) (see A/C.2/57/SR.30).